

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Reconsideration of this application in light of the above amendments and following comments is courteously solicited.

The Examiner in her Office action dated July 17, 2009 indicated the subject matter of claim 4 as allowable. Applicants by the instant amendment have incorporated the subject matter of claim 4 into independent claim 1 thereby placing independent claim 1 in condition for allowance as well as dependent claims 3, 5 and 7 which depend directly therefrom.

In addition to the foregoing, it is submitted that all of the claims as presently pending define over the prior art for the following reasons.

(1) Object of the present invention and Housefield is different.

The present invention's objective is to give users convenience of reading a glucose level displayed in a display panel when measuring through collecting blood on a point of forearm as well as at the tip of a finger.

However, the references do not have the same objective as the present invention.

The object of Housefield is to give convenience of use to a patient by i) separating a device to monitor a analyte(e.g., glucose) which must be frequently monitored as "portable tester" and a device to monitor other analytes which need not to be monitored as "base" in a medical test apparatus to monitor many analytes in the blood of a patient(e.g., a diabetic) and ii) detachably mounting the portable tester to a base.

(2) The portable tester and the base of Housefield is different from the present invention.

The present glucose meter is invented by adding to the prior normal glucose meter, an additional lower receiving hole for insertion of a measurement strip and an additional lower connector for the transmittance of an electrical signal between the measurement strip and a measurement unit or a micro-controller unit.

The present glucose meter is portable and hand-held. However, the apparatus of Housefield, when the portable tester is mounted into the base, is not portable and hand-held. There is no disclosure that the base into which the portable tester is mounted is portable. Only the portable tester is portable and hand-held. As a matter of course, the present glucose meter gives user's convenience, portability.

Therefore, even though the portable tester is mounted into the base, the present glucose meter is distinguishable from that of Housefield.

(3) Most important feature of the present invention lies in the fact that although the present glucose meter has two receiving holes, only one hole is used when used. If two holes are used or inserted with two strips, the glucose meter is not operable.

The present glucose meter is provided with an additional receiving hole and connector not to provide information about a plurality of analytes, but to provide user convenience.

On the contrary, Housefield is to provide an device to measure levels of a plurality of analytes at one time. In addition, Housefield is to provide a user's convenience of carrying the glucose meter which is just one component of Housefield's analyzer alone with leaving a base behind.

In the meantime, Housefield's apparatus is operable when a plurality of strips are inserted into said plurality of holes or

receptacles. The portable tester is operable independently of base (Housefield, [0029]). The device of Housefield with every receptacles(or holes) inserted with strips are operable and generate an information on a plurality of analytes to measure.

An earnest and thorough attempt has been made by the undersigned to resolve the outstanding issues in this case and place same in condition for allowance. If the Examiner has any questions or feels that a telephone or personal interview would be helpful in resolving any outstanding issues which remain in this application after consideration of this amendment, the Examiner is courteously invited to telephone the undersigned and the same would be gratefully appreciated.

It is submitted that the claims as amended herein patentably define over the art relied on by the Examiner and early allowance of same is courteously solicited.

If any fees are required in connection with this case, it is respectfully requested that they be charged to Deposit Account No. 02-0184.

Respectfully submitted,

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